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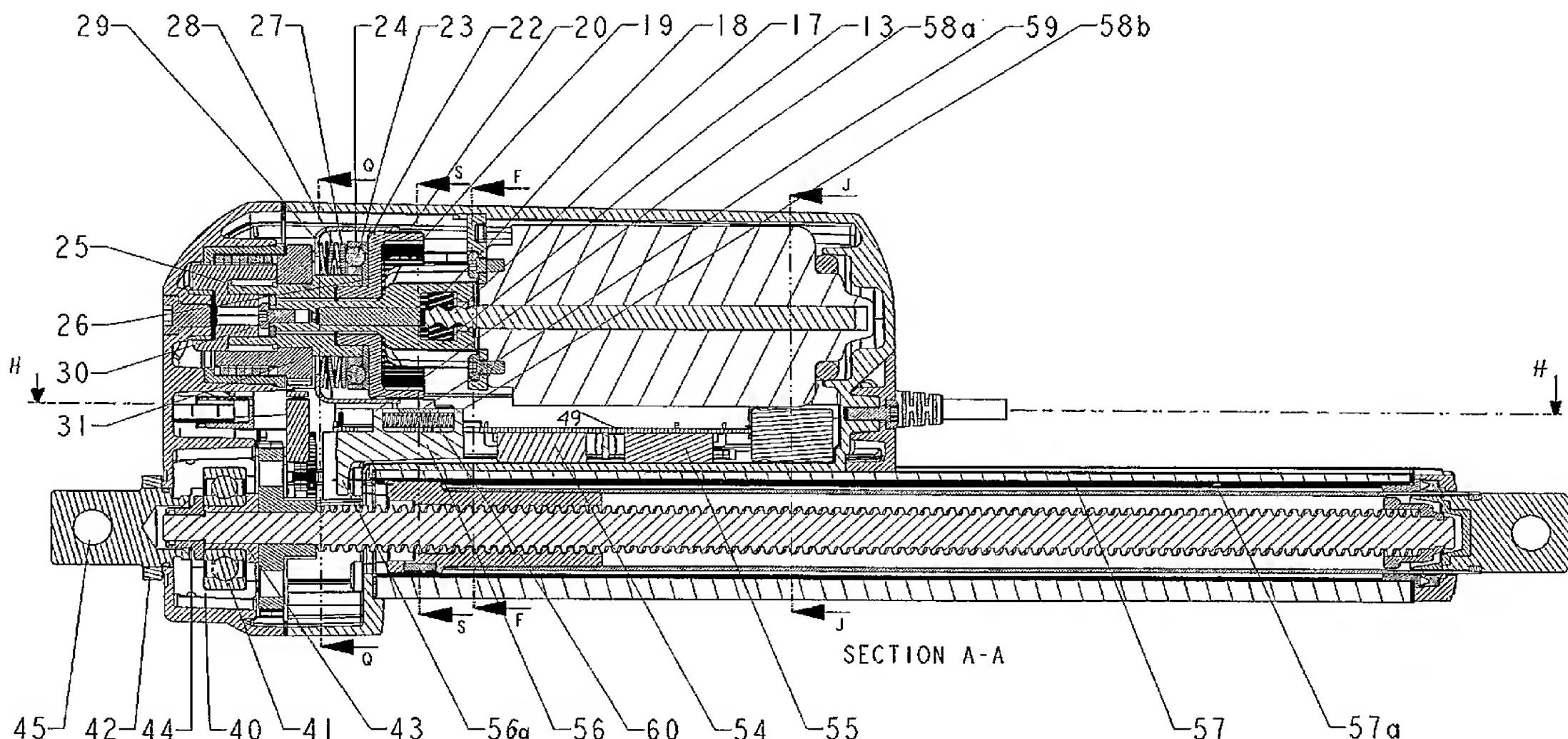
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(57) Abstract: A linear actuator with a reversible electric motor (2) which drives a spindle (4) via a reduction gear with several stages and an activation element (6) connected with it. An overload clutch (21) is arranged in connection with the first stage or one of the first stages in the reduction gear. This is advantageous in terms of structure and load. Greater flexibility is achieved in the construction of the structure, and the clutch is moreover not loaded so severely.